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In re Application of:)
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Michael A. McDonald, et al.)
) Group Art Unit: 1616
Serial No.: 09/976,746)
) Examiner: M. Hartley
Filed: October 12, 2001)
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For: Paramagnetic Polymerized Protein)
Microspheres and Methods of)
Preparation Thereof)

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 7, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application. The Office Action set a one-month shortened statutory period for response.

REMARKS

Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-8 and 14-15 drawn to a method of imaging and a composition thereof.

The Office Action also includes a species requirement that Applicants respectfully traverse. Although the Office Action includes a species requirement, it does not list